Pending Special Leave Petitions

4077. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending Special Leave Petitions in the Supreme Court under Article 15(H) 16(H) and 335 of the Constitution of India;

(b) from which year and from which High Court these special leave petitions are pending; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Supreme Court have informed that they have streamlined the listing procedures with the help of Computer which ensures that proper priority is given to old cases. Cases involving common question of law are being grouped together and posted before the same Bench. The Benches are also being so constituted that they function for longer period and work is so allotted that similar matters are posted before the same Bench. Besides, *the pendency position is being monitored* constantly and the list of business and the Constitution of Benches are so arranged as to maximise disposal without compromising on decision making process.

Land cases in Delhi High Court

4078. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of writ petitions filed in Delhi High Court for getting the land released in accordance with the law settled down by the same court in Balak Ram Gupta's case in 1988, in Balbir Singh vs. Union of India in 1989 and in Banwari Lal Attree's case in 1991 and in the dismisal of 47 appeals of the Union of India by the Supreme Court in September, 1991; and

(b) whether all the said writ petitions have been grouped together for being disposed of speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Identification of backward areas in M.P.

4079. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the economically, educationally and industrially backward areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have prepared any action plan for the proper development of such backward areas in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The responsibility for the development of a particular area within a State rests primarily with the State Government concerned. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had constituted an official Committee on 6-5-1990 to identify backward areas in the State. The Committee evaluated the districts according to seventeen indicators grouped under five heads, namely population, agricultural development, industrial development, infrastructural facilities and social development. The Committee identified 33 out of 45 districts of the State as backward.